

Promoting Effective & Aligned Communication in the Elderly

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## **ACP PEACE: Intervention**

- Comprehensive ACP Program
  - -VitalTalk communication skills training
  - -ACP Decisions video decision aids





## ACP PEACE: Objective

 Pragmatic stepped-wedge cluster randomized trial of a Comprehensive ACP Program in oncology clinics at 3 systems



## **Current Status**

- Enrollment Completed
- Performing quality checks on Natural Language Processing (NLP) data from sites
- Preparing for review of decedents' EHRs
- Analysis of Video Declarations (ViDecs)
- Will conduct surveys of stakeholders for Implementation (RE-AIM)



#### **Barriers Scorecard**

Barriers	Level of Difficulty*				
	1	2	3	4	5
Enrollment and engagement of patients/subjects			X		
Engagement of clinicians and health systems			Х		
Data collection and merging datasets		Х			
Regulatory issues (IRBs and consent)		Х			
Stability of control intervention				X	
Implementing/delivering intervention across healthcare organizations				Х	

\*Your best guess! 1 = little difficulty 5 = extreme difficulty



# **Top Challenges**

- Continual Quality Assurance of annotators for NLP process (staff turnover)
- Assessing the meaning of templated language about ACP used by health systems (smart phrases) with NLP technology
- Maintaining health care system enthusiasm as we wait for findings



### Recent Generalizable Lessons Learned

- The world does not stand still while pragmatic trials are conducted.
  - Secular changes are real
  - COVID has dramatically changed the importance of goals-of-care discussions
  - Older patients are a priority for these conversations
  - SW-CRT are best used sparingly
  - 2016 grant writing very different from our 2023 world



### **Current Data Sharing Plan and Obstacles**

- De-identified data will be made available within six months after results publication
- Data users will be encouraged to collaborate with primary study team
- Will need to negotiate with each health system and coordinating site about data sharing



## Data We're Planning to Share

• All study data that can be de-identified to the satisfaction of each health system





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